

H.R. 1126: Mr. CLYBURN.  
H.R. 1132: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 1176: Mr. GUTIERREZ.  
H.R. 1191: Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 1281: Mr. BROWN of Ohio.  
H.R. 1284: Mr. SERRANO.  
H.R. 1334: Mr. ALLEN.  
H.R. 1362: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BOYD, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 1367: Mr. KUCINICH.  
H.R. 1375: Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. WOLF, and Ms. DANNER.  
H.R. 1376: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CLEMENT.  
H.R. 1390: Mr. DOYLE.  
H.R. 1408: Mr. SHAYS.  
H.R. 1425: Ms. JACKSON-LEE.  
H.R. 1450: Mr. HAMILTON.  
H.R. 1525: Mr. HORN.  
H.R. 1539: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. WOLF.  
H.R. 1573: Mr. GREEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, and Mr. FORD.  
H.R. 1584: Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 1595: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. PORTER.  
H.R. 1656: Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 1711: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. KIM, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. SNOWBARGER.  
H.R. 1736: Mr. FORD and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.  
H.R. 1737: Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 1766: Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SISISKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CANNON, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. CLYBURN.  
H.R. 1951: Mr. EVANS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. BALDACC, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. DIXON.  
H.R. 1987: Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. FORD.  
H.R. 2009: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. TIERNEY.  
H.R. 2020: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYUN, and Ms. KAPTUR.  
H.R. 2021: Mr. WELDON of Florida.  
H.R. 2023: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 2070: Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 2088: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. THOMPSON, and Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 2110: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 2125: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey and Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 2149: Ms. PELOSI.  
H.R. 2173: Mr. HORN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2191: Mr. STEARNS and Mr. PEASE.  
H.R. 2374: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MANTON, and Ms. LOFGREN.  
H.R. 2392: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2397: Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 2409: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. VENTO, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 2457: Mr. GREEN.  
H.R. 2459: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 2495: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.  
H.R. 2499: Mr. COOK, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. MCCRERY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. PAYNE.  
H.R. 2519: Mr. PALLONE and Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
H.R. 2525: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. OLVER.  
H.R. 2537: Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 2549: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NEY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. OLVER.  
H.R. 2552: Mr. ANDREWS.  
H.R. 2586: Mr. DAVIS of Florida.  
H.R. 2602: Mr. WAXMAN and Mr. PASCRELL.  
H.R. 2625: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. GEKAS.  
H.R. 2681: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. FORD.  
H.R. 2704: Mr. SANDLIN and Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 2714: Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. SHAYS.  
H.R. 2733: Mr. SNYDER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.  
H.R. 2778: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. KUCINICH.  
H.R. 2817: Mr. HOUGHTON.  
H.R. 2819: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. CLYBURN.  
H.R. 2836: Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. MINGE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SABO, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. OBERSTAR.  
H.R. 2846: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. COX of California, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.  
H.R. 2870: Mr. CAMP and Mr. LATHAM.  
H.R. 2884: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania and Mr. PAUL.  
H.R. 2888: Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BLILEY.  
H.R. 2912: Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.  
H.R. 2914: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. NEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 2921: Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. TRAFICANT.  
H.R. 2923: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. CALLAHAN, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.  
H.R. 2952: Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 2990: Ms. CARSON, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BALDACC, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCDADE, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FORD, Mr. STOKES, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. FOWLER, and Mr. GEKAS.  
H.R. 2992: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.  
H.R. 2993: Mr. DUNCAN.  
H.R. 2997: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.  
H.R. 3003: Mr. VENTO.  
H.R. 3010: Ms. RIVERS and Mr. MEEHAN.  
H.R. 3027: Mr. JACKSON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
H.R. 3028: Mr. JACKSON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 3035: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska and Mr. BONILLA.  
H.R. 3043: Ms. FURSE.  
H.R. 3051: Mrs. MORELLA.  
H.R. 3086: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. FILNER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. ENGEL.  
H.R. 3097: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BRADY, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. DICKEY.  
H.J. Res. 14: Ms. RIVERS.  
H.J. Res. 65: Mr. RODRIGUEZ.  
H.J. Res. 78: Mr. JOHN and Mr. GOODLATTE.  
H.J. Res. 89: Mr. POMEROY and Mr. OWENS.  
H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.  
H. Con. Res. 114: Ms. RIVERS.  
H. Con. Res. 126: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. PETRI, Mr. OLVER, Mr. LUTHER, and Ms. FURSE.  
H. Con. Res. 127: Mr. RYUN, Mr. FORD, Mr. PETRI, Mr. WAMP, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HORN, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mrs. MORELLA.  
H. Con. Res. 165: Mr. KLINK.  
H. Con. Res. 179: Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. SHERMAN.  
H. Con. Res. 188: Mr. MEEHAN and Ms. FURSE.  
H. Con. Res. 202: Mr. MCKEON, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. ADERHOLT.  
H. Con. Res. 203: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. ENGEL.  
H. Res. 70: Mr. BARR of Georgia.  
H. Res. 151: Mr. SOLOMON.  
H. Res. 267: Mr. SMITH of Michigan.  
H. Res. 304: Mr. BALLENGER.

## 2.19 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsor was deleted from the public bill as follows:

H.R. 2174: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998 (3)

### 3.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 12:30 o'clock p.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 3, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Whereupon, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Members were recognized for "morning-hour debate".

### 3.2 RECESS—1:14 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

### 3.3 AFTER RECESS—2:00 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, called the House to order.

### ¶3.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

### ¶3.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

6724. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97-997-1 IFR and FV97-998-1 IFR] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6725. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-2 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6726. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-982-1 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6727. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Size and Size Designation Requirements [Docket No. FV97-966-1 FR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6728. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-2 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6729. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al; Temporary Suspension of Proviso for Exporting Juice and Juice Concentrate; Establishment of Regulations for Handler Diversion [Docket No. FV97-930-4 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6730. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 FIR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6731. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-

925-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6732. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-959-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6733. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Wire Flooring [Docket No. 95-100-2] (RIN: 0579-AA78) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6734. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Horses from Mexico; Quarantine Requirements [Docket No. 96-052-3] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6735. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Restrictions on the Importation of Ruminants, Meat and Meat Products From Ruminants, and Certain Other Ruminant Products [Docket No. 97-127-1] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6736. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Louisiana: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Correction [LA-33-1-7374; FRL-5955-9] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6737. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Consolidation of Certain Food and Feed Additive Tolerance Regulations [OPP-300572; FRL-5755-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6738. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carboxin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300604; FRL-5766-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6739. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300453; FRL-5588-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6740. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions [OPP-300440A; FRL-5572-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6741. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tree Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF17) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6742. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Hybrid Seed Corn Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AA78) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6743. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6744. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Canola and Rapeseed Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] received December 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6745. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Potato Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Northern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions, Central and Southern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions, Northern Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Northern Processing Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Certified Seed Potato Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, and Northern Potato Storage Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 422 and 457] received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6746. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; and Various Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6747. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pea Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Pea Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6748. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sweet Corn Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Processing Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 437 and 457] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6749. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Public Information [7 CFR Part 412] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6750. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency appropriations of \$6,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture from the sale of grain in the disaster reserve established in the Agricultural Act of 1970, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105-198); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6751. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report

of eight new deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling \$4.8 billion, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 684(a); (H. Doc. No. 105-205); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6752. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1999, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1105(a); (H. Doc. No. 105-177); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6753. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report on military expenditures for countries receiving U.S. assistance, pursuant to section 511(b) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1993; to the Committee on Appropriations.

6754. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, transmitting notification that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service is modifying the scope of the cost comparison study of accounting functions supporting the Defense Commissary Agency announced on July 18, 1997, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

6755. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Compensation of Certain Former Operatives Incarcerated by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (RIN: 0790-AG43) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6756. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Policy on Reciprocity of Failures and Guidelines for Implementation of Reciprocity (RIN: 0790-AG55) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6757. A letter from the Director, Office of Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Personnel Security Policies for Granting Access to Classified Information (RIN: 0790-AG54) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6758. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Policy on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (RIN: 0790-AG56) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6759. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Determination of Fair and Reasonable Guideline Rates for the Carriage of Bulk and Packaged Preference Cargoes on U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels [Docket No. R-158] (RIN: 2133-AB19) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6760. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reservists' Education: Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (Coast Guard) (RIN: 2900-A189) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

6761. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Rental Housing Assistance (RIN: 0575-AC15) received December 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6762. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corpora-

tion's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk [12 CFR Part 325] received December 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6763. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Membership Eligibility [No. 97-66] (RIN: 3069-AA66) received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6764. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting a report on a notice of relief from regulatory provisions for Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, and Federal Pell Grant Programs, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6765. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Mine Health and Safety Academy (RIN: 1219-AB04) received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6766. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6767. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6768. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Finding Aids; Terminology; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (RIN: 1212-AA75) received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6769. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 1995 annual report on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), the NHSC Scholarship Program (NHSCSP), and the NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC/LRP), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254b(g); to the Committee on Commerce.

6770. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nuclear Classification and Declassification (RIN: 1901-AA21) received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6771. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area [PA 098-4055; FRL-5946-7] received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6772. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico; Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program [FRL-5938-5] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6773. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico [FRL-5938-6] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6774. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of 1998 Essential Use Allowances [FRL-5953-6] (RIN: 2060-AG48) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6775. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Ohio [OH58-1a; FRL-5954-6] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6776. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Mercury Study Report, pursuant to section 112(n)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990; to the Committee on Commerce.

6777. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management Program: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Program for Florida [FRL-5948-1] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6778. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri [MO 041-1041; FRL-5948-4] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6779. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acid Rain Program: Revisions to Permits, Allowance System, Sulfur Dioxide Opt-Ins, Continuous Emission Monitoring, Excess Emissions, and Appeal Procedures [FRL-5936-3] (RIN: 2060-AF43) received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6780. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Determination of Attainment of the One-Hour Ozone Standard for the Poughkeepsie, New York Ozone Nonattainment Area and Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Reasonable Further Progress and Attainment Demonstration Requirements [Region 2 Docket No. NY 26-2-176a; FRL-5936-8] received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6781. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tennessee; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program [FRL-5956-4] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6782. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Utah; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [UT001-0010a and UT0011a; FRL-5948-7] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6783. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-5948-2] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6784. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN80-1a; FRL-5929-5] received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6785. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Stay of a Final Rule [OPPTS-82049A; FRL-5577-6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6786. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers and Resource Recovery Facilities Guidelines; Removal of Obsolete Guidelines [FRL-5670-6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6787. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Missouri [FRL-5832-8] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6788. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Interim Final Determination for Approval of the District of Columbia New Source Review Submittal [SIPTRAX DC032-2005; FRL-5832-9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6789. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Addition of Chemicals [OPPTS-82049; FRL-5397-9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6790. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS-50617A; FRL-5396-6] (RIN: 2070-AA58) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6791. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and

Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Improved Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [UT-NHA-02; FRL-5834-9] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6792. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Area [PA 099-4063; FRL-5837-6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6793. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide: Final Decision [AD-FRL-5632-1] (RIN: 2060-AC06) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6794. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aliphatic Ester; Revocation of a Significant New Use Rule [OPPTS-50622D; FRL-5715-2] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6795. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS-50581D; FRL-5715-3] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6796. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Limitation of Future Contracting [FRL-5684-1] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6797. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation; Removal of Outdated or Unnecessary Coverage [FRL-5639-5] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6798. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines—received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6799. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Credible Evidence Revisions [FRL-5691-2] (RIN: 2020-AA27) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6800. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Ocean Dumping; Amendment of Site Designation; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-9] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6801. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers and Resource Recovery Facilities Guidelines; Removal of Obsolete Guidelines; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-7] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6802. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Missouri: Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-8] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6803. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Credible Evidence Revisions; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5943-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6804. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting; Addition of Chemicals; Stay of Final Rule: Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act [FRL-5944-5] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6805. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions; Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5944-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6806. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions; Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-8] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6807. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania: 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Area: Correction of Effective Date [PA 099-4063; FRL-5945-4] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6808. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation: Removal of Certification Requirements Regarding Collection, Use, Access, Treatment, and Disclosure of Confidential Business Information: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5944-3] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6809. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation: Limitation of Future Contracting; Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-5] received

January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6810. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-6] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6811. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Aliphatic Ester; Revocation of Significant New Use Rule: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-9] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6812. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5943-7] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6813. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Acquisition Regulation; Removal of Outdated or Unnecessary Coverage: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5945-5] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6814. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Utah; Improved Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program: Correction of Effective Date [FRL-5945-2] received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6815. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the second triennial report on the Status of the Hazardous Air Pollutant Program under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

6816. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Waelder and Yorktown, Texas) [MM Docket No. 97-22, RM-8953, RM-9075] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6817. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Goldsmith, Texas) [MM Docket No. 97-197, RM-9154] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6818. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and RECORDS Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Gideon, Missouri) [MM Docket No. 97-120, RM-9054] received January 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6819. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final

rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 96F-0213] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6820. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Ferrous Lactate; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No. 93G-0017] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6821. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 96F-0101] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6822. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings; Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 95F-0210] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6823. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Policy on 180-Day Marketing Exclusively for Drugs Marketed Under Abbreviated New Drug Applications; Clarification [Docket No. 85N-0214] received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6824. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons (RIN: 3150-AF35) received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6825. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the second report of 1997 as required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203; to the Committee on Commerce.

6826. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Superfund Financial Transactions Report for Fiscal Year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 99-499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Commerce.

6827. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Covered Securities Pursuant to Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933 [Release No. 33-7494, 34-39542, File No. S7-17-97] (RIN: 3235-AH18) received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6828. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on actions and policies of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12865, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-189); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6829. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-

191); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6830. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with Libya is to continue in effect beyond January 7, 1998, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 105-193); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6831. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-194); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6832. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 1998, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 105-195); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6833. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on actions and expenses directly related to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 12808 as expanded with respect to the Bosnian Serbs in Executive Order 12934 covering the period from May 30 through November 29, 1997, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-199); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6834. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-201); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6835. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102-1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 105-202); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6836. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

6837. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on PLO compliance, pursuant to Public Law 101-246, section 804(b) (104 Stat. 78); to the Committee on International Relations.

6838. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bi-monthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6839. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report that the Department is renotifying \$1.3 million in FY 1994 funds to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5955; to the Committee on International Relations.

6840. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report

relating to the approval and implementation of the Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation Between the United States and the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2153(d); (H. Doc. No. 105—197); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6841. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6842. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia; (H. Doc. No. 105—190); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6843. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report in accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997; (H. Doc. No. 105—192); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6844. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report in accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the Senate of the United States on April 24, 1997; (H. Doc. No. 105—203); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

6845. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economics and Statistics Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—International Services Surveys: BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons (RIN: 0691-AA30) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6846. A letter from the Director, Bureau of the Census, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Establishing New Research Data Centers [Docket No. 971231318-7318-01] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6847. A letter from the Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6848. A letter from the Director for Executive Budgeting and Assistance Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Financial Assistance for Internship Program for Postsecondary Students—received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6849. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Privacy Act; Implementation [Docket No. OST-96-1472] (RIN: 2105-AC60) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6850. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction

Act [FRL-5943-2] received January 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6851. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Removal of Certification Requirements Regarding Collection, Use, Access, Treatment, and Disclosure of Confidential Business Information [FRL-5860-6] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6852. A letter from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting the FY 1997 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6853. A letter from the Senior Deputy Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6854. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Electronic Freedom of Information Act: Implementation (RIN: 3150-AF78) received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6855. A letter from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the 1997 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100—504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6856. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Pay Administration Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (RIN: 3206-AG70) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6857. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6858. A letter from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting the report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6859. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the period January 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6860. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6861. A letter from the Director, Selective Service System, transmitting the FY 1997 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6862. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting the United States Capitol Preservation Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1997; to the Committee on House Oversight.

6863. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks,

Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—1997-98 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AE18) received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6864. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to Transportation Allowance Regulations for Federal and Indian Leases to Specify Allowable Costs and Related Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations (RIN: 1010-AC06) received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6865. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Royalty Relief for New Leases in Deep Water (RIN: 1010-AC14) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6866. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Royalty Relief for Producing Leases and Certain Existing Leases in Deep Water (RIN: 1010-AC13) received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6867. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ocean Dumping; Amendment of Site Designation [40 CFR Part 228] received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6868. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Disposition of Surplus Range Animals (RIN: 1018-AD75) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6869. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—1997 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest (RIN: 1018-AE07) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6870. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designated Ports for Listed Plants (RIN: 1018-AD97) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6871. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Designated Critical Habitat; Umpqua River Cutthroat Trout [Docket No. 970715175-7292-02; I.D. No. 042997B] (RIN: 0648-AG58) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6872. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder and Scup Fisheries; Adjustments to the 1998 Quotas; Commercial Summer Period Scup Quota Harvested for Massachusetts [Docket No. 971015246-7293-02; I.D. 010798C] received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6873. A letter from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report for the Office of Independent Counsel-Barrett, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 595(a)(2); to the Committee on the Judiciary.



6874. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the third annual report on the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as amended, pursuant to Public Law 103-414; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6875. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 1996 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6876. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—VISAS: Issuance of new or replacement immigrant visas [Public Notice 2664] received January 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6877. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting recommendations for necessary legislative changes involving the relationship between the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990, as amended, pursuant to Public Law 104-320, section 11(e) (110 Stat. 3874); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6878. A letter from the Chairperson, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's report entitled "Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1975; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6879. A letter from the the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting the report on authorization of a flood damage reduction project for the Blue River Basin at the Dodson Industrial District, Kansas City, Missouri, pursuant to Public Law 104-303, section 101(a)(18); (H. Doc. No. 105-185); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

6880. A letter from the Executive Director, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Building and Facilities; Building Elements Designed for Children's Use [Docket No. 94-2] (RIN: 3014-AA17) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6881. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300-600 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-247-AD; Amdt. 39-10282; AD 98-01-20] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6882. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-113-AD; Amdt. 39-10274; AD 98-01-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6883. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-127-AD; Amdt. 39-10276; AD 97-11-02 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6884. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness

Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Models EMB-110P1 and EMB-110P2 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-66-AD; Amdt. 39-10273; AD 98-01-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6885. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Precision Airmotive Corporation Carburetors (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-ANE-16; Amdt. 39-10270; AD 98-01-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6886. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway [CGD05-97-003] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6887. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace South of Abbotsford, British Columbia, on the United States Side of the U.S./Canadian Border, and the Establishment of a Class C Airspace Area in the Vicinity of Point ROBERTS, Washington [Airspace Docket No. 93-AWA-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6888. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY; correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANM-11] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6889. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29114; Amdt. No. 1846] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6890. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29115; Amdt. No. 1847] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6891. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29101; Amdt. No. 1843] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6892. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29107; Amdt. No. 1845] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6893. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes Equipped with Pratt & Whitney

JT9D-3 and -7 Series Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-267-AD; Amdt. 39-10284; AD 98-02-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6894. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 and Mark 0070 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-NM-94-AD; Amdt. 39-10285; AD 98-02-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6895. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace Areas; Manhattan, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-21] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6896. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Columbia, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-32] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6897. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Norfolk, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-33] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6898. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Poplar Bluff, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-28] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Audubon, IA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-30] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Kansas City, Richards-Gebaur Airport, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-10] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Vinton, IA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-13] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lee's Summit, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6904. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lincoln, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6905. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards Rear Impact Guards; Rear Impact Protection [Docket NHTSA-98-3342, Notice 1] (RIN: 2127-AA43) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6906. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Certification of Speed Limit Enforcement [NHTSA-97-3196] (RIN: 2125-AE17) received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6907. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; London, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-46] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6908. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Osceola, WI (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-49] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6909. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the Legal Description of Class E Airspace; Aberdeen, SD (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-37] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6910. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 29102; Amdt. No. 1844] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6911. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sparta, TN (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-30] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6912. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. Elmo, AL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-23] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6913. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Ashtabula, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-56] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6914. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Akron, OH (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-55] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6915. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Industrie Model A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-NM-90-AD; Amdt. 39-10275; AD 98-01-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6916. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-314-AD; Amdt. 39-10277; AD 98-01-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6917. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-247-AD; Amdt. 39-10278; AD 98-01-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6918. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-179-AD; Amdt. 39-10279; AD 98-01-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6919. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-111-AD; Amdt. 39-10280; AD 98-01-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6920. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-109-AD; Amdt. 39-10281; AD 98-01-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6921. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, -500 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-45-AD; Amdt. 39-10283; AD 98-02-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6922. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local

Regulation; Laughlin, Nevada [CGD11-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6923. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Mystic River, MA [CGD01-96-002] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6924. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Minnesota River [CGD08-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6925. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-5B/2P Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-ANE-29-AD; Amdt. 39-10286; AD 98-02-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6926. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 172R and 182S Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-CE-150-AD; Amdt. 39-10287; AD 98-01-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6927. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-335-AD; Amdt. 39-10288; AD 98-02-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6928. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Simplification of Service Contract Filing Requirements [Docket No. 97-23] received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6929. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the 6-year report on state-of-the-art technology in highway design and construction utilized on the Blair County, Pennsylvania, demonstration project, pursuant to Public Law 97-424, section 131(b)(2); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6930. A letter from the Director, Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Advanced Technology Program [Docket No. 970822200-7272-02] (RIN: 0693-AB44) received December 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

6931. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Minimum Income Annuity (RIN: 2900-A183) received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

6932. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105-196); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.



6933. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—200); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6934. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—204); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6935. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report on data processing, pursuant to Public Law 104—193, section 106(a) (110 Stat. 2164); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6936. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and BONDS [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 1-93] received November 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6937. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Treasury BONDS, Notes, and Bills; Determination Regarding State Statutes [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series, No. 2-86] received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6938. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and BONDS [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 1-93] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6939. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Repeal of Obsolete Title IV-A and IV-F Program Rules (RIN: 0970-AB84) received December 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unemployment Insurance Program Letter [No. 39-97] received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6941. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Welfare-to-Work Grants (RIN: 1205-AB15) received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6942. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of Hybrid Arrangements under Subpart F [Notice 98-11] received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6943. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 98-7] received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6944. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Nuclear Decommissioning Funds; Revised Schedules of Ruling Amounts [TD 8758] (RIN: 1545-AU28) received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6945. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98-17] received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6946. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Employment taxes [Rev. Proc. 98-16] received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6947. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election Not to Apply Look-Back Method in De Minimis Cases [TD 8756] (RIN: 1545-AV78) received January 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6948. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dispositions of Certain Life Estates [Rev. Rul. 98-8] received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6949. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions [REG-110965-97] (RIN: 1545-AV47) received January 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6950. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Small Business Taxpayer Advance Pricing Agreements [Notice 98-10] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6951. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98-9] received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6952. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuity of Interest and Continuity of Business Enterprise [TD 8760] (RIN: 1545-AU72 and 1545-AU73) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6953. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories [Rev. Rul. 98-9] received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6954. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 98-19] received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6955. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Installment Obligations received From Liquidating Corporations [TD 8762] (RIN: 1545-AB43) received January 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6956. A letter from the National Director, Tax Forms and Publications Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Requirements for Privately

Designed and Printed Federal Tax Return Forms [Rev. Proc. 97-54] received December 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6957. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories [Rev. Rul. 98-6] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6958. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Eligible Deferred Compensation Plans under Section 457 [Notice 98-8] received January 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6959. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Filing Requirements for Returns Claiming the Foreign Tax Credit [TD 8759] (RIN: 1545-AP36) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6960. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuity of Interest [TD 8761] (RIN: 1545-AV80) received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6961. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—TECRO/AIT Carnet Issuing and Guaranteeing Association—received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6962. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Addition of Hong Kong to the List of Nations Entitled to Special Tonnage Tax Exemption [TD 98-3] (RIN: 1515-AC27) received December 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6963. A letter from the the Director, the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting CBO's final sequestration report for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 101—508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388—587); (H. Doc. No. 105—187); to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

6964. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's final sequestration report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 101—508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388—587); (H. Doc. No. 105—188); to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

6965. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Application of Inherent Reasonableness to All Medicare Part B Services (Other than Physician Services) [HCFA-1908-IFC] (RIN: 0938-A137) received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

6966. A letter from the the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, the Department of State, transmitting notification that the President has exercised the authority to suspend restrictions on the maintenance of a Palestine Liberation Organization Office for a duration of six months, pursuant to section 539(d) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Act, FY 1998; (H. Doc. No. 105—186); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

6967. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's appeal letter to the Office of Management and Budget regarding

the initial determination of their fiscal year 1999 budget request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

6968. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare Program; Schedule of Limits on Home Health Agency Costs Per Visit for Cost Reporting Periods Beginning on or after October 1, 1997 [HCFA-1904-NC] (RIN: 0938-AI36) received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

6969. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of determinations that institutions of higher education have been deemed ineligible for certain Federal funding, pursuant to section 514 of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997; jointly to the Committees on National Security, Education and the Workforce, and Appropriations.

6970. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting the Council's report entitled "National Disability Policy: A Progress Report," pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(8); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

6971. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report in response to a congressional directive contained in House Report No. 104-173, regarding contract support cost escalation; jointly to the Committees on Resources, Appropriations, and Commerce.

### ¶3.6 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 30, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, January 30, 1998 at 10:03 a.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3042.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, *Clerk.*

### ¶3.7 RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 15, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It is with very mixed feelings that I write to you to tender my resignation from the House of Representatives, effective at the close of business on Friday, February 6, 1998. After so many years of watching my family's sacrifice, in the interests of public service, I find that the requirements of being more available to them now press very hard upon me. Therefore, I will leave the House and turn my attention to these pressing matters.

Serving in the House has been a profound honor, both because it has allowed me to

share in the traditions and history of the House and because of the incredible district that I was honored to represent in the House chamber. I will miss my many colleagues and the opportunity to contribute so directly to the governance of our nation. I leave with a sense of significant accomplishment, as well as with the optimism with which I entered the chamber for the first time in 1971. I will value our friendship and the challenging debate that we have engaged in over these many years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you well and extend through you my very best wishes to all of our colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD V. DELLUMS,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ¶3.8 SUBPOENA RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. BONILLA:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 2, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with a subpoena (for written testimony and documents) issued by the 63rd District Court for Val Verde County, Texas, and directed to the "Custodian of Records, United States of Representatives."

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House and, therefore, that the subpoena should be resisted.

Sincerely,

HENRY BONILLA,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ¶3.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—FY 1999 BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

The 1999 Budget, which I am submitting to you with this message, is a balanced Federal budget, marking the first such budget in 30 years and bringing an era of exploding deficits to an end.

By reaching balance, my budget represents a remarkable turnaround in our fiscal policy over the last five years. It brings to an end three decades of fiscal chaos, a period in which Americans had lost confidence in their Government and the ability of their leaders to do the people's business.

This budget is not just balanced, it is balanced the right way. It not only ends the deficit, it reflects the values that Americans hold dear—the values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. The budget reflects my commitment to continue helping working families with their basic needs—to raise their children, send them to college, and pay for health care.

The budget invests in education and training and in research to raise the standard of living for average Americans. It invests in the environment and in law enforcement to raise the quality

of life across our Nation. It invests in our communities at home while providing the resources to maintain a strong defense and conduct the international relations that have become so important to our future.

In the public and private sectors, prospects for a budget surplus are spurring a wide array of ideas about how to spend it. At this point, the Government has not yet reached the surplus milestone, and I continue to believe strongly that we should not spend a surplus that we don't yet have.

More specifically, I believe that the Administration and Congress should not spend a budget surplus for any reason until we have a solution to the long-term financing challenge facing Social Security. With that in mind, my budget proposes a reserve for the projected surpluses for 1999 and beyond.

### PREPARING THE NATION FOR A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY

Five years ago, my Administration took office determined to restore the American Dream for every American. We were determined to turn the economy around, to rein in a budget that was out of control, and to create a Government that once again would focus on its customers, the American people.

Five years later, we have made enormous progress. Our economy is strong, our budget is headed toward balance, and our Government is making noticeable progress in providing better service to Americans.

We are beginning to bring Americans together again, to repair the social fabric that has frayed so badly in recent decades. All across America, crime is down, poverty is down, and welfare is down. Incomes are rising at all levels, and a new spirit of optimism is sweeping through many of our urban and rural communities that are rebounding from decades of lost jobs and lost hope.

Now that we have turned the economy around, our task is to spread the benefits of our economic well-being to more Americans, to ensure that every American has the chance to live out his or her dreams. As we move confidently ahead as a Nation, we want to ensure that nobody is left behind.

A century ago, the economy shifted from agriculture to manufacturing, changing the way that Americans lived, the way they worked, the way they related to one another. Today, the economy is shifting once more, this time from manufacturing to services, information, technology, and global commerce.

We can ensure that every American fully enjoys the benefits of this exciting new age, but only if we continue to give people the tools they need and create the conditions in which they can prosper. That is what my budget is designed to do.

### CREATING A BRIGHT ECONOMIC FUTURE

When my Administration took office, the Nation was mired in economic problems. The economy had barely grown over four years, creating few jobs. Interest rates were high. Incomes

remained stagnant for all but the most well-off. The budget deficit, which had exploded in size in the early 1980s, had reached a record \$290 billion and was headed higher. Clearly, the Nation needed a new course.

We launched an economic policy with three central features that had never before been tried together: We set out to reduce the deficit, invest in the American people, and open up markets abroad. Only by pursuing all three elements could we restore the economy and build for the future.

My 1993 budget plan, the centerpiece of our economic strategy, was a balanced plan that cut hundreds of billions of dollars of Federal spending while raising income taxes only on the top 1.2 percent of Americans. By cutting unnecessary and lower-priority spending, we found the resources to cut taxes for 15 million working families while investing in education and training, the environment, and other priorities.

Five years later, we have cut the deficit dramatically, and this budget will finish the job by reaching balance and keeping the budget in balance for the foreseeable future. We have invested in the education and skills of our people, giving them the tools they need to raise their children and get good jobs in an increasingly competitive economy. We have expanded trade through global as well as bilateral agreements, generating record exports that create high-wage jobs for millions of Americans.

The economy responded almost immediately to our policies. When I announced my 1993 budget plan, interest rates fell, and they fell even more as I worked successfully with Congress to put the plan into law. These lower interest rates helped to spur the steady economic growth and strong business investment that we have enjoyed for the last five years. Our policies have helped create over 14 million jobs, while interest rates have remained low and inflation has stayed under control.

As we move ahead, I am determined to ensure that we stick with the policies that are working. We must maintain our fiscal discipline so that we not only reach balance, but also keep the budget in balance.

#### IMPROVING PERFORMANCE THROUGH BETTER MANAGEMENT

We are balancing the budget the right way, by reducing the size and scope of our Government.

We have done more than just eliminate hundreds of Federal programs and projects. We have cut the civilian Federal work force by over 316,000 employees, giving us the smallest work force in 35 years. In fact, as a share of our total civilian employment, we have the smallest work force since 1931.

But we set out to do more than just cut Government. Under the leadership of the Vice President's National Performance Review, we set out to make Government work, to create a Government that is more efficient and effective,

to create a Government focused on its customers, the American people.

We have made real progress, but we still have much work to do. We have reinvented parts of departments and agencies, but now we are determined to turn our agencies around from top to bottom. For 1999, the Vice President will lead an effort to improve the performance of agencies that interact most with the American people. We want to enable Americans not only to quickly enjoy better service from our Government, but to regain confidence in Government as well.

At the same time, I am determined that we will solve the very real management challenges before us. A good example is the challenge of ensuring that our computer systems can accurately process the year 2000 date change. I have directed my Administration to take the necessary steps to meet the problem head-on.

#### PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Nothing is more important to our future than education. It has become the dividing line between those who are moving ahead and those who are lagging behind. That is why I have devoted so much effort to ensure that we have a world-class system of education and training in place for Americans of all ages. Over the last five years, we have worked hard to ensure that every boy and girl is prepared to learn, that our schools focus on high standards and achievement, that anyone who wants to go to college can get the financial help to attend, and that those who need a second chance at education and training or a chance to improve or learn new skills can do so. My budget significantly increases funds to help children, especially in the poorest communities, reach challenging academic standards and makes further progress in implementing voluntary national tests. It proposes to build more classrooms and pay for 100,000 more teachers so that we can reduce class sizes. For higher education and training, my budget increases Pell Grants and other college scholarships from the record levels that we have already achieved; expands College Work-Study to a record one million students; streamlines student loan programs and cuts student fees; and expands access to job placement services, training, and related services for dislocated workers and others. Now that anyone who wants to attend college can find the means through Hope scholarships, Pell Grants, and other assistance that we worked so hard to enact, I want to provide the same universal opportunity for job training and re-training to those who need it.

Over the last five years, we have worked hard to help working families. We cut taxes for 15 million working families, provided a tax credit to help families raise their children, ensured that 25 million Americans a year can change jobs without losing their health insurance, made it easier for the self-employed and those with pre-existing conditions to get health insurance, provided

health care coverage for up to five million uninsured children, raised the minimum wage, and provided guaranteed time off for workers who need to care for a newborn or address the health needs of a family member. Now, with my new Child Care Initiative, I am determined to provide the help that families need when it comes to finding safe, high-quality, affordable child care. Parents should know that, when they go to work, their children are in safe, healthy environments. I also propose to address the problems faced by a particular group of working families—legal immigrants. In signing the 1996 welfare reform law, I said that I would try to restore the cuts in benefits for legal immigrants that were not only harsh and unnecessary but that had nothing to do with the fundamental goal of welfare reform—to move people from welfare to work while protecting children. My budget restores Food Stamps to 730,000 legal immigrants and lets States provide health insurance to the children of legal immigrants.

This past year, we continued to improve health care for millions of Americans. We strengthened Medicare by extending the life of the trust fund until at least 2010, while we also invested in preventive benefits, introduced more choice of health plans, and strengthened our expanding array of activities to combat fraud and abuse. We extended health care coverage to up to five million uninsured children. We created the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry and we later endorsed its Health Care Consumer Bill of Rights. With this budget, I propose that we build on our achievements on a host of important fronts. I want to work with Congress to enact national bipartisan tobacco legislation; nothing is more potentially important to the health of our people, particularly children. My budget also proposes to expand health care coverage for some of the most vulnerable Americans aged 55 to 65, to enroll more eligible children in Medicaid, to provide for unprecedented levels of investment in health research, to expand access to powerful AIDS therapies, to expand access to cancer clinical trials, to increase funds for substance abuse treatment and prevention, and to help reduce health-related disparities across racial and ethnic groups.

Last year was a remarkable one for the environment, and I am determined to build on our progress. Led by the Vice President, the Administration reached an historic international agreement in Kyoto that calls for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. We also issued new, more protective air quality standards to better safeguard public health, and we strengthened our citizens' right to know about toxic chemical releases. We continued to protect our natural treasures, such as Yellowstone National Park and Florida's Everglades, and to make further progress toward my goal of cleaning up 900 hazardous waste sites under the Superfund

by the end of the year 2001. With this budget, I am proposing an Environmental Resources Fund for America that will support increases for many of our key environmental programs. It provides for more construction, maintenance, and land acquisition for national parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands; for a new effort to improve the quality of our water; for improvements to community drinking water and wastewater facilities; and for continuing our efforts to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites. My budget also includes a new, five-year, \$6 billion program to prevent global warming, and more resources to protect endangered species, control pollution, and preserve the global environment.

I am proposing a Transportation Fund for America, reflecting my commitment to provide the resources to ensure that our transportation infrastructure remains safe, integrated, and efficient enough to serve our growing needs. Investment in infrastructure is good for America because it helps grow the economy, improve safety and public health, strengthen our competitiveness abroad, support our national security, and increase the mobility, access, and choice for Americans who need to travel. We must build upon our vast network of roads, highways, and bridges to meet the demands of the next century for a system that links our various modes of travel, that is cleaner and safer, and that helps bring together and support our urban and rural communities. My budget maintains the Administration's record support for transportation, and the Fund includes all of the Transportation Department's highway, highway safety, transit, and air transportation programs.

Scientific and technological advances have created a world vastly different from the one our grandparents knew. They have helped generate huge leaps in the speed and economy of transportation, enormous increases in farm productivity, lightning-fast flows of information and services across national borders, and advances in treating and preventing diseases and protecting the environment. Because I am committed to America's continued leadership in science and technology, I am proposing a Research Fund for America, from which many of our important investments will flow. It includes record increases for the National Institutes of Health, higher funding for the National Science Foundation, new resources to address global climate change, and a wide variety of investments in basic and applied research. These investments are vital; they help to create new knowledge, train more workers, spur new jobs and industries, address our health care challenges, strengthen our understanding of environmental problems, better educate our children, and maintain a strong national defense.

Our anti-crime strategy is working. Serious crime is down five years in a

row and, in 1996, we witnessed the largest drop in violent crime in 35 years. But, because crime remains unacceptably high, we must go further. My budget expands our community policing (COPS) program, which is already putting 83,000 more police on the streets toward my goal of 100,000 by the year 2000. The budget also proposes a new Community Prosecutors Initiative to help prosecutors prevent crimes from occurring, rather than simply prosecuting criminals after the fact. And it provides the necessary funds to prevent violence against women, to help States and Indian Tribes build prisons, and to address the growing law enforcement crisis on Indian lands. To boost our efforts to control illegal immigration, the budget provides the resources to strengthen border enforcement in the South and West, to remove illegal aliens, and to expand our efforts to verify whether newly hired non-citizens are eligible for jobs. To combat drug use, particularly among young people, my budget expands programs that stress treatment and prevention, law enforcement, international assistance, and interdiction. It continues to build on our innovative Drug Courts initiative, proposes School Drug Prevention Coordinators for our schools, supports local efforts that target drug-using offenders, expands drug testing, and strengthens our efforts to make our ports and borders more secure from drugs while disrupting drug trafficking organizations overseas.

Most Americans are enjoying the fruits of our strong economy. But while many urban and rural areas are doing better, too many others have grown disconnected from our values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. Working with State and local governments and with the private sector, I am determined to help bring our distressed areas back to life, to replace despair with hope. My budget expands my national service program, giving more Americans the chance to serve their country and help solve problems at the local level while earning money for college. I am proposing to create more Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities that offer tax incentives and direct spending to encourage the kind of private investment that creates jobs, and to provide more capital for lending through my Community Development Financial Institutions program. My budget also expands opportunities for homeownership, provides more funds to enforce the Nation's civil rights laws, maintains our Government-to-Government commitment to Native Americans, and strengthens the partnership we have begun with the District of Columbia.

Because America continues to have a tremendous stake in world affairs, my budget proposes the necessary funds to maintain national security, to conduct our diplomacy, to promote democracy and free markets abroad, and to increase exports. Last year, my Administration worked with Congress to increase international affairs spending.

But, Congress faces an unfinished agenda to provide financial support for, and fulfill America's obligations to, a number of international organizations that benefit our economy and serve other objectives, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations system, and the multilateral development banks. Congress should continue to support the decisive action of the IMF as well as our leadership in that institution by providing the supplementary contingent IMF funding that the Administration has sought and replenishing the IMF's basic financial resources. Congress also should give the President traditional trade negotiating authority to help fuel our surging exports into the next century. To enhance national security, my budget maintains large-scale funding to support the Middle East peace process, continues assistance to Bosnia to carry out the Dayton Accords, supports NATO expansion, and increases aid to the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union to support the development of democracy and free markets. I am also proposing a major initiative to provide critical, targeted assistance to African countries that are undertaking difficult economic reforms, and my budget increases counter-narcotics aid to Latin American countries and supports the Summit of the Americas.

Our military serves as the backbone of our national security strategy, and I am committed to maintain a strong and capable military that protects our freedoms and our global leadership role as we approach the 21st Century. The budget continues the Administration's plan to complete the careful resizing of our military forces, to fully support military readiness, to strengthen quality of life programs for our armed forces, and to provide increased funding to modernize our forces as new technologies become available after the turn of the century. My budget reflects the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and of the Defense Department's recent Defense Reform Initiative to achieve a leaner, more efficient, and more cost-effective organization by improving management and business practices. To implement these improvements, the Defense Department will send legislation to Congress in conjunction with this budget, including a request for two more rounds of base closures and realignments.

#### INVESTING IN THE COMMON GOOD

Our commitment to balance the budget, and to keep it in balance, will mean that the Administration and Congress must use taxpayer dollars as wisely as possible. If we are to continue funding Federal programs, they will have to show that they are reaching the goals set for them. That is, they will have to show that they are well-run and that they can produce results.

In 1993, I actively supported, and was eager to sign, the Government Performance and Results Act. With this budget, I am delighted to send Con-

gress what the law envisioned—the first comprehensive, Government-wide Performance Plan.

In developing this budget, the Administration for the first time could rely on performance measures and annual performance goals that are now included in agency Annual Performance Plans. We have made a good start on the process that the Administration and Congress outlined in enacting the 1993 law.

As we continue to implement this law, my Administration will focus more and more attention on how programs work, whether they are meeting their goals, and what we should do to make them better. We look forward to working with Congress on our shared goal of improving Government performance.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

February 2, 1998.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-177).

### 13.10 NATIONAL OBSERVANCES REVISION

Mr. PEASE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1085) to revise and codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations"; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. PEASE and Mr. BERMAN, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

### 13.11 FAA RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1271) to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997".

#### SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (2)(J);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3)(J) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) for fiscal year 1998, \$226,800,000, including—

"(A) \$16,379,000 for system development and infrastructure projects and activities;

"(B) \$27,089,000 for capacity and air traffic management technology projects and activities;

"(C) \$23,362,000 for communications, navigation, and surveillance projects and activities;

"(D) \$16,600,000 for weather projects and activities;

"(E) \$7,854,000 for airport technology projects and activities;

"(F) \$49,202,000 for aircraft safety technology projects and activities;

"(G) \$53,759,000 for system security technology projects and activities;

"(H) \$26,550,000 for human factors and aviation medicine projects and activities;

"(I) \$2,891,000 for environment and energy projects and activities; and

"(J) \$3,114,000 for innovative/cooperative research projects and activities; and

"(5) for fiscal year 1999, \$229,673,000."

#### SEC. 3. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

(a) PROGRAM.—Section 48102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a program to utilize undergraduate and technical colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, in research on subjects of relevance to the Federal Aviation Administration. Grants may be awarded under this subsection for—

"(A) research projects to be carried out at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges;

"(B) research projects that combine research at primarily undergraduate institutions and technical colleges with other research supported by the Federal Aviation Administration; or

"(C) research on future training requirements on projected changes in regulatory requirements for aircraft maintenance and power plant licenses.

"(2) NOTICE OF CRITERIA.—Within 6 months after the date of the enactment of the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish and publish in the Federal Register criteria for the submittal of proposals for a grant under this subsection, and for the awarding of such grants.

"(3) PRINCIPAL CRITERIA.—The principal criteria for the awarding of grants under this subsection shall be—

"(A) the relevance of the proposed research to technical research needs identified by the Federal Aviation Administration;

"(B) the scientific and technical merit of the proposed research; and

"(C) the potential for participation by undergraduate students in the proposed research.

"(4) COMPETITIVE, MERIT-BASED EVALUATION.—Grants shall be awarded under this subsection on the basis of evaluation of proposals through a competitive, merit-based process."

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting ", of which \$750,000 shall be for carrying out the grant program established under subsection (h)" after "projects and activities" in paragraph (4)(J).

#### SEC. 4. NOTICES.

(a) REPROGRAMMING.—If any funds authorized by the amendments made by this Act are

subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, notice of such action shall concurrently be provided to the Committees on Science and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(b) NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide notice to the Committees on Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later than 30 days before any major reorganization (as determined by the Administrator) of any program of the Federal Aviation Administration for which funds are authorized by this Act.

#### SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM.

With the year 2000 fast approaching, it is the sense of Congress that the Federal Aviation Administration should—

(1) give high priority to correcting all 2-digit date-related problems in its computer systems to ensure that those systems continue to operate effectively in the year 2000 and beyond;

(2) assess immediately the extent of the risk to the operations of the Federal Aviation Administration posed by the problems referred to in paragraph (1), and plan and budget for achieving Year 2000 compliance for all of its mission-critical systems; and

(3) develop contingency plans for those systems that the Federal Aviation Administration is unable to correct in time.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. GORDON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said amendments?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said amendments were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

### 13.12 PRINCE NOVA VESSEL

On motion of Mr. LOBIONDO, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1349) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRINCE NOVA, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

### ¶13.13 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

### ¶13.14 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report eight new deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling \$4.8 billion.

These deferrals affect programs of the Department of State, the Social Security Administration, and International Security Assistance.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-205).

### ¶13.15 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2625

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-411) the resolution (H. Res. 344) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2625) to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

### ¶13.16 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 107

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-412) the resolution (H. Res. 345) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 107) expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

### ¶13.17 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—U.S.-LATVIA FISHERIES AGREEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia ex-

tending the Agreement of April 8, 1993, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annex, as extended (the 1993 Agreement). The present Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Riga on February 13 and May 23, 1997, extends the 1993 Agreement to December 31, 1999.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Latvia, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-206).

### ¶13.18 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(l) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 3, 1998.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Ways and Means.

### ¶13.19 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. BECERRA, for today and balance of the week;

To Ms. ESHOO, for today and balance of the week;

To Mr. GILLMOR, for January 27, 1998;

To Mr. MANTON, for today; and

To Mr. UNDERWOOD, for today and February 4, 1998.

And then,

### ¶13.20 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. NEUMANN, at 8 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

### ¶13.21 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

*[Submitted January 29, 1998]*

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2625. A bill to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport"; with amendments (Rept. No. 105-408). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

*[Submitted January 30, 1998]*

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 2846. A bill to pro-

hibit spending Federal Education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-409). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

*[Submitted February 3, 1998]*

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 429. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for employees of international organizations (Rept. No. 105-410). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 344. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2625) to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport" (Rept. No. 105-411). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolutions 345. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 107) expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds (Rept. No. 105-412). Referred to the House Calendar.

### ¶13.22 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. TANNER, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BOUCHER):

H.R. 3137. A bill to amend section 4615 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to delay for 18 months the prohibition of payment under the Medicare Program for home health services consisting of venipuncture solely for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample and to require submission of a report on the impact of implementing such section; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 3138. A bill to require congressional approval for certain uses of the exchange stabilization fund; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. STARK, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. FROST, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TANNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 3139. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stop overpayment for drugs and biologicals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOSWELL (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 3140. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain muzzle loading firearms are to be treated as antique firearms for purposes of the Federal firearms laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.



By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 3141. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to issue to certain veterans who served in the disputed Italy-Yugoslavia area at the end of World War II the "Italy" clasp for the World War II Army Occupation Medal; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA:

H.R. 3142. A bill to amend the Second Morrill Act to provide that funds for the land grant college of American Samoa shall not be subject to annual appropriation by the legislature of American Samoa; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FOLEY (for himself, Mr. YATES, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 3143. A bill to prohibit foreign insurance companies from doing business in the United States unless they disclose any financial dealings they had with individuals who survived or died in the Holocaust, to prohibit an insured depository institution from transacting any business with or on behalf of any such foreign insurance company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 3144. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax relief to families to increase the affordability of child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KLECZKA:

H.R. 3145. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for interment in Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. HILLIARD):

H.R. 3146. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code relating to bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. OBEY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JACKSON, and Ms. RIVERS):

H.R. 3147. A bill to authorize the United States to enter into an executive agreement with Canada relating to the establishment and operation of a binational corporation to operate, maintain, and improve facilities on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Ms. CARSON):

H.R. 3148. A bill to establish food safety research, education, and extension as a priority of the Department of Agriculture, to require the use of a designated team within the Department of Agriculture to enable the Department and other Federal agencies to

rapidly respond to food safety emergencies, and to improve food safety through the development and commercialization of food safety technology; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 3149. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the personal exemption; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 3150. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 3151. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income taxes by increasing the amount of taxable income which is taxed at the lowest income tax rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. COMBEST, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. STUMP):

H.J. Res. 107. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself and Mr. LATOURETTE):

H.J. Res. 108. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the limitation of contributions and expenditures respecting elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H. Con. Res. 207. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the International Monetary Fund should raise funds in private financial markets, rather than from member countries, in order to reduce the risk of loss to United States taxpayers; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. GINGRICH (for himself and Mr. BARR of Georgia):

H. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of General Lucius D. Clay; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H. Res. 347. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the spiraling violence in Algeria; to the Committee on International Relations.

### 3.23 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

240. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 114 urging Congress to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 14 of 1997, which encourages efforts to reunite family members separated during the Holocaust; to the Committee on International Relations.

241. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative to Resolution No. 1 memorializing Congress to support legislative initiatives to discourage use of

public resources for movement of professional sports franchises and to repeal anti-trust exemptions for professional sports; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.

### 3.24 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 59: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PAXON, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. KINGSTON.  
H.R. 165: Mr. ENSIGN.  
H.R. 339: Mr. NETHERCUTT.  
H.R. 611: Mr. WALSH.  
H.R. 685: Mr. KUCINICH.  
H.R. 693: Mr. FORBES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. NEY.  
H.R. 806: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.  
H.R. 820: Mr. DIXON.  
H.R. 859: Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. DELAY.  
H.R. 900: Mr. DELAHUNT and Mr. OBEY.  
H.R. 934: Mr. FOLEY.  
H.R. 971: Mr. ENGEL.  
H.R. 979: Mr. GEJDESON, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. WAMP.  
H.R. 992: Mr. GILLMOR.  
H.R. 1005: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.  
H.R. 1061: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. BALDACC, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.  
H.R. 1126: Mr. SANFORD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SUNUNU.  
H.R. 1173: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 1289: Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.  
H.R. 1320: Mr. SANDLIN.  
H.R. 1329: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 1354: Ms. SANCHEZ.  
H.R. 1356: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.  
H.R. 1378: Mr. CAMP and Mr. WATKINS.  
H.R. 1401: Mr. PALLONE.  
H.R. 1425: Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. MARKEY.  
H.R. 1432: Mr. WEXLER.  
H.R. 1591: Mr. DELAY.  
H.R. 1601: Mr. MASCARA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. HORN, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. COYNE.  
H.R. 1624: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.  
H.R. 1628: Mr. LAFALCE.  
H.R. 1631: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 1632: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KUCINICH, and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.  
H.R. 1635: Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BALDACC.  
H.R. 1656: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.  
H.R. 1689: Mr. GOODE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SUNUNU.  
H.R. 1693: Ms. FURSE.  
H.R. 1705: Mr. BASS and Mrs. MORELLA.  
H.R. 1773: Mr. FILNER and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 1782: Mr. YATES.  
H.R. 1799: Mr. CLYBURN.  
H.R. 1872: Mr. COBURN and Mr. SANFORD.  
H.R. 1995: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DIXON, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 2001: Mr. CALLAHAN.  
H.R. 2081: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota and Mr. WAMP.  
H.R. 2090: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. SAXTON.  
H.R. 2100: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 2128: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.  
H.R. 2174: Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. BROWN of California.  
H.R. 2189: Ms. FURSE, Mr. LANTOS, and Ms. KILPATRICK.  
H.R. 2228: Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 2229: Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 2263: Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2327: Mr. HOEKSTRA and Mr. ANDREWS.  
H.R. 2351: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut and Mr. GONZALEZ.  
H.R. 2380: Mr. BAKER.  
H.R. 2397: Mr. CANADY of Florida and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 2432: Mr. JENKINS, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.  
H.R. 2453: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. GILCHREST.  
H.R. 2509: Mr. GILLMOR and Mr. FARR of California.  
H.R. 2524: Mr. FORD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. FILNER.  
H.R. 2543: Mr. GREEN.  
H.R. 2549: Mr. STUPAK and Mrs. LOWEY.  
H.R. 2556: Mr. TANNER.  
H.R. 2586: Mr. BERRY, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 2592: Mr. NETHERCUTT.  
H.R. 2602: Mr. WEXLER.  
H.R. 2635: Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. STOKES.  
H.R. 2639: Mr. SHAYS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. ENGEL.  
H.R. 2695: Mr. STARK, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 2697: Mr. FILNER and Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
H.R. 2708: Mr. LUTHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. SAWYER.  
H.R. 2718: Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.  
H.R. 2740: Mr. CANNON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HILL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. HALL of Texas.  
H.R. 2748: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.  
H.R. 2752: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. FROST, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. POMBO, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCDADE, and Mr. PACKARD.  
H.R. 2754: Mr. RANGEL.  
H.R. 2807: Mr. SHAYS.  
H.R. 2819: Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. FROST, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. COYNE, and Mr. DOOLEY of California.  
H.R. 2821: Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. FORD, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. FOLEY.  
H.R. 2829: Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. TANNER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WEYGAND.  
H.R. 2837: Mr. GALLEGLY.  
H.R. 2843: Mr. COOKSEY.  
H.R. 2870: Mr. FALOMAVAEGA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. KOLBE.  
H.R. 2888: Mr. KNOLLENBERG and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 2914: Mr. COSTELLO.  
H.R. 2923: Ms. CARSON and Mr. WISE.  
H.R. 2936: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. TIAHRT.  
H.R. 2943: Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
H.R. 2951: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WISE, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. WAXMAN.  
H.R. 2968: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 3010: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 3016: Mr. HINCHEY.  
H.R. 3039: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 3050: Mr. FROST, Mr. GORDON, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.  
H.R. 3089: Ms. GRANGER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mrs. EMERSON.  
H.R. 3100: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. YATES.  
H.R. 3104: Mr. ARMEY, Mr. WELLER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BOB SCHAEFFER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HILL, and Mr. HEFLEY.  
H.R. 3107: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 3111: Mr. LIPINSKI.  
H.R. 3121: Mr. NADLER, Mr. FOSSELLA, and Mr. TOWNS.  
H.R. 3131: Mr. DREIER.  
H. Con. Res. 19: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.  
H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. NEUMANN.  
H. Con. Res. 203: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. COYNE, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.  
H. Con. Res. 205: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. FROST.  
H. Res. 16: Mr. SCHUMER.  
H. Res. 172: Mr. PALLONE.  
H. Res. 218: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

#### ¶3.25 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

32. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Warrensburg Town Board, Warrensburg, New York, relative to Resolution No. 185-97 expressing strong opposition to H.R. 971 and requesting that the House of Representatives defeat this bill; to the Committee on Agriculture.

33. Also, a petition of the LeClaire City Council, LeClaire, Iowa, relative to Resolution No. 98-02 urging the President, Congress, and Department of Defense to reconsider the moving of the 114 personnel and accompanying mission of the Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense MEGACENTER Rock Island, from Rock Island Arsenal Island to St. Louis and instead move the entire Defense Information System Agency, Defense MEGACENTER St. Louis personnel and mission to Rock Island to maximize cost savings to the government; to the Committee on National Security.

34. Also, a petition of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, Greenfield, Wisconsin, relative to memorializing Congress to cease certain activities concerning the United Nations; to the Committee on International Relations.

35. Also, a petition of the Societas Docta, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, relative to petitioning the House of Representatives, the Senate and President of the United States of America to maintain and extend the affirmative action programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998 (4)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

#### ¶4.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of

the proceedings of Wednesday, February 3, 1998.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

#### ¶4.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

6970. A letter from the Chair, Defense Environmental Response Task Force, Department of Defense, transmitting the Defense Environmental Response Task Force Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1997; to the Committee on National Security.

6971. A letter from the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology), Department of Defense, transmitting the report of determination to combine multiple depot-level maintenance and repair workloads, pursuant to Public Law 105-85, section 359(a); to the Committee on National Security.

6972. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report entitled "Acquisition Workforce Reductions," pursuant to Public Law 105-85, section 912(b); to the Committee on National Security.

6973. A letter from the Director, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 1997 annual report on the activities of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, pursuant to Public Law 103-204, section 14; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6974. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Individual Reference Services Report; to the Committee on Commerce.

6975. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improved safety of imported foods; to the Committee on Commerce.

6976. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bi-monthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6977. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his annual report reviewing all activities of United States Government departments and agencies during calendar year 1996 relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3281; to the Committee on International Relations.

6978. A letter from the General Counsel, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting copies of the texts of Amendment X to the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Implementation of the Verification Provisions of the INF Treaty; to the Committee on International Relations.

6979. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report regarding certain forms of United States assistance to countries that have contributed to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization; to the Committee on International Relations.

6980. A letter from the President's Pay Agent, transmitting a report justifying the reasons for the extension of locality-based comparability payments to categories of positions that are in more than one executive agency, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5304(h)(2)(C); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

6981. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the calendar year 1997 report on "Extraordinary Contractual Actions